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In Re Application of:

HORIKOSHI, TAKAHIRO : DECISION ON REQUEST THAT THE
Application No. 09/680,513 : INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
Filed: October 6, 2000 : STATEMENT (IDS) FILED OCTOBER 11,
Title: EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS
AND MAKING METHOD OF THE APPRATUS,
AND DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
OF THE DEVICE IN THE FILED IDS
OF EACH OF THE REFERENCES CITED

This is a decision on the request that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on October 11, 2001, indicate acknowledgement of each of the references cited in the filed IDS under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, filed April 21, 2004.

The request is Dismissed As Moot.

A review of the application file record reveals that a proper indication of acknowledgement of each of the references cited in the filed IDS was entered into the file and mailed to the applicant on December 4, 2001. As such, the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 that the IDS filed on October 11, 2001, indicated acknowledgement of each of the references cited in the filed IDS has already been indicated as being acknowledged by the examiner. Accordingly, the present request is moot and must be dismissed.

A courtesy copy of the IDS previously mailed to the applicant on December 4, 2001 is attached.

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